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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAN THO 0179

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI PINT VS

SUBJECT: MR4 MORALE

1. INFORMAL SPOT SURVEY IN MY THO, KIEN HOA\*: LONG XAWE,, CAO LANH AND CAN THO INDICATES CLEAR LESSENING OF TENSION AMONG POPULACE IN THOSE AREAS IN PAST FEW DAYS DESPITE INCREASED FIGHTING. MAJOR FACTOR IN RELAXATION APPEARS TO BE PRESIDENT THIEU'S APRIL 4 SPEECH. FOLLOWING INVOLUTED TRAIN OF REASONING, THERE IS WIDELY HELD BELIEF THAT THIEU COULD NOT HAVE MADE SUCH A SPEECH UNLESS HE WERE CONFIDENT OF STRONG US SUPPORT. HENCE, THIEU'S BLAST AT INADEQUATE MILITARY ASSISTANCE SEEMS TO HAVE CONVINCED PEOPLE THAT ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

2. THIEU'S POPULARITY FARED LESS WELL FROM HIS OWN SPEECH. MOST PEOPLE CLAIM HE "PASSED THE BAUCK" FOR RECENT GVN SETBACKS WHILE ACCEPTING NO BLAME HIMSELF. HE ALSO IRRITATED PEOPLE BY HIS BLAST AT BBC AND VOICE OF AMERICA WHICH MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE ARE MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE THAN GVN NEWS SOURCES. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT AMONG THOSE INTERVIEWED THAT THIEU MUST GO.

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3. COMMENTS ON OTHER GVN PERSONALITIES WERE AS FOLLOWS: HIGHEST REGARD FOR MR4 COMMANDER NG NAM, PARTICULARLY IN MY THO; LOW OPINION OF DINH TUONG PROVINCE CHIEF COL NGUYEN VAN HAI BECAUSE OF BEING SLOW, INEFFECTIVE AND A HEAVY DRINKER, AND OF 7TH DIVISION COMMANDER BG TRAN VAN HAI FOR HIS LACK OF AGGRESSIVENESS; HOPE THAT APPOINTMENT OF BG PHAN HOA HIEP AS MIN OF INFORMATION WILL IMPROVE POOR PERFORMANCE OF THAT AGENCY DURING CURRENT OFFENSIVE; AND BEWILDERMENT AT APPOINTMENT OF NGUYEN BA CAN, WHO APPEARS BE VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN IN THE DELTA, AS PRIME MINISTER.

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